

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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APPOINTMENT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS BY THE DOMESTIC AIRLINES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has framed any policy relating to appointment of foreign nationals by the domestic airlines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether security clearance of foreign nationals is mandatory before they are appointed by domestic airlines;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of foreign nationals appointed so far in different capacities in the domestic airlines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- Yes, Sir. Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued a Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) Section 7 Series G Part II on the subject.

(c) and (d):- Yes, Sir. The above mentioned CAR stipulates that the security clearance from the concerned Government agencies has to be taken before the validation of foreign licences by DGCA.

(e):- Appointment of foreign pilots is done by the concerned airlines based on their need. So far, Directorate General of Civil Aviation has cleared 804 foreign pilots. The airline - wise break up is Indigo - 66, Paramount Airways - 21, Blue Dart - 10, Spice Jet - 42, Air Deccan - 149, Alliance Air - 20, Go Air - 13, Kingfisher Airlines - 95, Jet Airways - 271 and Air India - 117.